scheme has been introduced at 19 stations. The increase in earnings from this scheme is approximately Rs. 32 lakhs per annum, besides a saving of approximately Rs. 66.47 lakhs is expected in expenditure on maintenance.

Railways' requirement of Slack Adjusters and Air-Brake Systems

2589. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Slack Adjusters and Air-brake Systems estimated to be required by our Railways over the period 1994-95 to 1999-2000;

(b) whether orders have been placed abroad to meet these requirements; and

(c) whether the possibility of obtaining such Slack Adjusters and Air-brake Systems from Bharat Brakes and Valves Limited has been fully explored?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) These items are procured on a year to year basis and the quantum is need based. Therefore, the estimates for period beyond 1994-95 cannot be computed at this stage. The estimated requirement for 1994-95 is 24864 Nos. of Slack Adjusters and 7072 Nos. of air brake systems. The approximate annual requirement may be expected to be in the range of about 25000 slack adjusters and 7000 air brake systems.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. Bharat Brakes and Valves Limited are regular suppliers of slack adjusters for wagons. However, for air brake systems for wagons and coaches, the firm is yet to develop acceptable prototypes.

Discontinuation of trains in Punjab

2590. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many trains were discontinued in Punjab during disturbances in the State, with details of them;

(b) how many of them were resumed after the disturbances were over, with details in this regard;

(c) the reasons for not continuing/ starting the train running from Pathankot to Kalka *via* Amritsar, Chandigarh; and

(d) by when this train will be started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Out of 35 trains cancelled due to law and order problems in Punjab area, 21 trains have already been restored. The details are as under:—

S.No.	Train No.
1.	3LF/4LF Passenger
2.	8JF/5JF Passenger
3.	1JH/2JH Passenger
4.	1JJ/4JJ/6JJ Passenger.
5.	1ABP/6ABP Passenger
6.	3ABQ/4ABQ Passenger
7.	1UN/2UN Passenger
8	5LJ/6LJ Passenger
9.	345/346 Passenger
10.	2 JNF Passenger
11.	5 LL Passenger
12.	1APJ/2APJ Passenger
13.	1ABQ/2ABQ Passenger
14.	7FF/8FF Passenger
15.	9JH/10JH Passenger
16.	1RJ/2RJ Passenger
17.	5SHB/6SHB Passenger
18.	1 NJ Passenger
19.	1 JNL Passenger

Trains mentioned at S.Nos. 1 to 11 have been restored.

(c) and (d) Presumably the reference is to the erstwhile 35/36 Amritsar-Kalka Shimla Mail which had been cancelled permanently due to poor patronisation and it is not proposed to restore this train.